

SENATE RESOLUTION 99

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to commend Blake Roller for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Blake Roller is one such individual who has distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senator Dolores Gresham; Mr. Roller's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Blake Roller has achieved academic success while majoring in political science with a law concentration and participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including Student Government; Student Alumni Associates; Collegiate 4-H; Men's Choir; Leadership Knoxville Scholars; Emerging Leaders; Alternative Spring/Fall Break; and several university administrative boards, such as dining services, facilities fee, and technology. He also continues to work with UT Athletics as a Hospitality Ambassador for football, basketball, baseball, and concerts; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further his studies, Mr. Roller brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2016 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Senator Dolores Gresham said, "We think he would be an excellent candidate for the diplomatic service because of his innate qualities of intelligence, wisdom, and prudence, and his finely honed sense of fairness"; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2016 legislative session, Blake Roller has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern as best exemplified by his always arriving at work early and staying late to get the job done; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roller has performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Blake Roller for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Dolores Gresham and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.